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## **Mayor thanks McConnell for including LexTran funding in Senate bill**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Mayor Jim Newberry today thanked Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell for his efforts to include \$3.1 million for LexTran in the FY09 Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill. Newberry and approximately 60 other community leaders are in Washington today as part of a Commerce Lexington trip to discuss local concerns with Kentucky's legislative delegation, including McConnell.

"In these days of sky high gas prices, we need to do as much as possible to make our bus system available to people who need an efficient, cost effective way to get to work," Newberry said. "This funding is badly needed. These new buses would be an important step forward for our public transportation system."

The bill now goes before the full Senate for its consideration.